

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS**

**MAYOR:** Louie A. Trujillo

**COUNCILORS:** Elaine Rodriguez -***Absent***  
David Romero  
David Ulibarri, Jr.  
Michael Montoya

**ALSO PRESENT:** William Taylor, City Manager  
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk  
Scott Aaron, City Attorney  
Adrian Crespin, Sergeant at Arms

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Trujillo wished his father a Happy Birthday. He thanked the community for working through the struggle with Covid, he recognized the progress of the county remaining in turquoise and asked everyone to keep those lost by Covid in our thoughts.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	David Romero	Yes
Michael Montoya	Yes	Elaine Rodriguez	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

### **PUBIC INPUT**

City Clerk Fresquez read Public Input from Frank Casey in regards to support of Film Signage/Advertisements.

### **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Trujillo welcomed the NMHU President Sam Minner and Regents, Bill Garcia, "Harpo" Sanchez and Max Baca. He also welcomed former City PIO Officer Lee Einer.

Mayor Trujillo informed he had met with the Las Vegas Arts Council regarding the Art Installation Project which would bring great ambiance with art throughout the City. He added that three pianos had been donated by LV City Schools which would be placed at the Gazebo, the Breezeway on Bridge Street and under the Serf Marquee.

### **Proclamation for "Building Safety Month"-May 2021**

City Clerk Fresquez read a proclamation on behalf of Mayor Louie A. Trujillo along with the Governing Body proclaiming the month of May 2021 as "Building Safety Month" in the City of Las Vegas and urged all citizens to celebrate Building Safety Month.

### **COUNCILORS' REPORTS**

None at this time.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Taylor reported on current projects taking place as follows:

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| 1. Potential purchase of Motorized Trikes- LVPD                | 5. Solar Farm Project- preliminary discussion   |
| 2. Gallinas Riverwalk Park-added benches, tables and BBQ pits  | 6. American Rescue Plan- 3.0 Million from US Dept. of Treasury (Review/Recommend. taking place) |
| 3. Amnesty Day -Trash Collected: 126,000 lbs/238 customers     | 7. Employee Recognition Day- process of discussion  |
| 4. WLV Baseball Complex Sewer Line- improvement cost estimates |   |

City Manager Taylor announced that he was planning on retiring, effective June 30th or thereabouts and advised it was his pleasure to have served the City for the past year. He read his resignation letter to the Governing Body.

Mayor Trujillo sincerely thanked City Manager Taylor for his service to the City of Las Vegas, for his efforts, finance expertise and economic knowledge, especially at a very difficult time of Covid. Mayor Trujillo stated he was sorry that City Manager Taylor could not stay until the end of his term and had the utmost respect for him.

Councilor Montoya stated that with this new administration, the City was moving forward with many vacancies filled, and 28 million dollars spent in many citywide improvement projects. He thanked City Manager Taylor for his year of service in guiding the City in the right direction and wished him well in his future endeavors. Councilor Montoya made the recommendation of placing City Manager Taylor's letter of resignation on the next meeting's agenda.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. thanked City Manager Taylor for a job well done and was thankful for his part in addressing the streets on the Westside of town which was long overdue. He stated that this new administration worked well together, and thanked him for his service to the City.

City Manager Taylor thanked everyone and advised that one of his guiding goals was fairness to all people and felt that strides had been made. He stated that he would be available for any consultancy needed at no charge to the City.

Councilor Montoya advised he wanted to add Severance pay to the next meeting's agenda as well.

Councilor Romero thanked City Manager Taylor for all his hard work in this cumbersome job and that there may have been times of disagreement but always appreciated his professionalism and wished him well.



City Manager Taylor clarified that it was 14 months that he had served as City Manager.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- Presentation by Regents William Garcia, Frank Sanchez and President Sam Minner reporting on the meetings between the City, county and NMHU concerning the status of the Golf Course, and options to reopen the facility.

A lengthy, detailed presentation took place regarding the NMHU Golf Course, as well as discussion regarding the collaboration process and funding matters.

Discussion took place regarding the recommendation for a Special Meeting in order to vote on moving forward with the Golf Course improvement project.

- Presentation by Roy Montebon, Police Advisory (PAC) Commission Chairman, reporting on the PAC accomplishments over the last few months and discussion on the by-laws and Municipal Charter. PAC Commissioner Lee Einer also presented.

Brief discussion took place regarding the request from the PAC to the Governing Body for an Ordinance with full definition of their powers and duties (By Laws). Also briefly discussed was the possibility of creating Community Policing and clarification of the understanding that recommendations were brought to the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Trujillo advised that a draft Ordinance was currently being worked on by Councilor Romero.

- Presentation by Chuck Griego, Film/Events Coordinator providing an update on upcoming City events. Also presenting was Fiesta Board Member Nancy Colalillo.

Lengthy discussion and questions regarding the status of the 4th of July Fiestas took place.



Mayor Trujillo stated that the final decision and directive to the Fiesta Board was to plan for the fiestas at the Plaza Park and if the Governor did not open the state, it would be cancelled. He stated that the main goal in the event planning was public safety, and stated for the record that “NM Music Explosion” was not owned by artist Gonzalo and that any local band who wanted to perform at the park should call Chuck Griego.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

Finance Director Baquera presented the financial report for the month ending April 30, 2021 reporting that the General Fund revenue was 99%, expenditures were at 72% and surplus was 1.4 million dollars. Enterprise Funds revenue was 86%, expenditures were at 70% and surplus was a bit over 1 million dollars. He reported Recreation Center revenue was 74%, expenditures were at 73% and surplus at \$23,000. Lodgers Tax revenue was 204%, expenditures came in at 32% and surplus was \$190,000.

Mr. Baquera stated there were no budget concerns to report at this time.

Councilor Romero asked a question regarding the Audit Emergency Plan for I.T.

Mr. Baquera clarified that they set a directive to Directors to update missing contact information and to have a full functional emergency I.T. plan by this Friday.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **Conduct a Public Hearing for Business Item 1**

1. Adoption of Ordinance No. 21-04, An Ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Las Vegas by amending Section 200-40 and Section 301-11, entitled “Alternative method of abatement”. This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to Sections 2.02 of the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, and is an exercise of the City’s home rule powers.

Councilor Romero made a motion to go into Public Hearing. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Michael Montoya	Yes	David Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
David Romero	Yes	Elaine Rodriquez	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

City Clerk Fresquez advised anyone who wished to speak on the issue, to stand and be sworn in. City Attorney Scott Aaron, Bill Hendrickson and Lee Einer were sworn in.

Community Development Director Bill Hendrickson advised this ordinance is enacted pursuant to Sections 2.02 of the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, and is an exercise of the City's home rule powers. City Council tabled this item for the May 19, 2021 Council Meeting. Publication requirements have been met.

Mr. Hendrickson stated that there had been a question about whether it allowed the public to take civil action, so they added language on Section 1 paragraph E to provide the information that they could take to District Court or whatever court they wished and that was the only change on the ordinance from last time.

Mayor Trujillo asked what the reason was for the change.

Mr. Hendrickson referred the question to City Attorney Aaron.

City Attorney Aaron advised that there was concern expressed that in changing this ordinance, it eliminated the ability for a resident of Las Vegas to take their neighbor to court in a situation where the neighbor had some kind of nuisance issue and the neighbor could potentially take them to court after speaking with a Municipal Judge. He added that the role of Municipal court was within the context of a criminal court, who does fines, that is not where you go to change your name or civil issues. City Attorney Aaron informed that they added paragraph E at the end which basically reaffirms the right of any resident within the City to go and file in District Court, which could always be appealed if you do not like the result. He stated things that happen at the Municipal Court level, especially civil things, there is no availability made in the New Mexico rules regarding courts to appeal outside of the Municipal Court for civil issues so the intent is to keep these issues where one wants to sue another at the District Court level and not keep it at the Municipal Court level, so we preserve that right to enshrining it in this paragraph.



Lee Einer advised that his concern was procedural and that the packet used by the Governing Body was the same one that was posted on the website, that it listed the purpose as amending 20-13 which was municipal fees which had nothing to do with the body of the amendment, so if that was what was advertised and published, he thought a do over was needed, just as a practical issue and was a substantial clerical problem with the entire amendment.

Mr. Einer stated “ as far as paragraph E goes, as you know states can legislate to control municipal laws but municipalities really don't legislate to control state laws, so that paragraph in red does nothing, it's state law, 3-8-8 b remains intact no matter what we have to say about it, so that really contributes nothing and my concern beyond that is that as Legislators you really need to be able to look at what existing language is being removed and what new language is being inserted and this wasn't even presented to you in that fashion, you had this big thing in red, it says look over here this is the new thing and then you had paragraph b of 200-40 and 301-11, it's been completely rewritten to eliminate the ability of a Las Vegas resident to go to Municipal Court and file a complaint in the city's name and the difference between that and going to District Court is, I go to District Court, yes I can file a complaint in the state's name that compels the state to take action. What has been on the books compels the city to take action and I think that is the area of discomfort here, that it feels like an intrusion of the will of the public upon perhaps Community Development or the City Attorney's Office and indeed it is but it's an important right if abatement issues just aren't being taken care of. My girlfriend lives right in back of what we call the Adams family house on Railroad 733. It's been burnt out since 2017, the roof is going off the top of it, the pigeons love it, we have hundreds of them visiting the backyard and it just doesn't seem like there's any action and I can speak also as just an aggrieved resident, it's nice to be able to go to something like that as a final resort and say well I have some sort of a cudgel that I can yield and you know, not ruinous expense to myself through a lawyer to make this thing happen and I would hope you consider that in what you do tonight and also consider again just the fact that 20-13 also somehow found its way into some portion of the ordinance”.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Mr. Einer, he stated he would refer to the City Clerk and City Attorney and believed it was a wrong number.



City Attorney Aaron stated, what was put out on the agenda did not mention 20-13, so there was sufficient notice given in the agenda that was published. He agreed this was a clerical error, not sufficient enough to defeat it, if the Council wanted to move forward.

City Attorney Aaron asked if any of the Council members happened to know how long Judge Trujillo had been Municipal Judge. He reiterated that he had been here 20-25 years and in those years not one time had a case been filed using this particular ordinance and added that to say that no one has ever used it would give you an idea of how relevant it is for us to have a Municipal ordinance for this. He stated the reason the E was put in there, it does have bearing because is someone goes go to this ordinance thinking, "I knew there was an ordinance where it allows me to sue my neighbor", it directs them where to go to, to the District Court, even gives them the site for the state statute so they still have that avenue.

Mayor Trujillo asked City Attorney Aaron to state for the record, the correct ordinance number that was incorrect.

City Attorney Aaron stated for the record, " this is to amend Section 200-40 and 301-11, as was given in the agenda".

Mayor Trujillo asked for clarification, regarding the number 21-04 of the ordinance.

City Attorney Aaron clarified that it was ordinance 21-04, stating that the concern was on the first sentence, it referenced amending the docket fees collected by the Municipal Court, Section 20-13 and was a typographical error. He stated that was not what this ordinance was about and that the ordinance was about amending section 200-40 in Section 301-11, and clarified those two ordinances were being affected not 20-13.

Mayor Trujillo asked City Attorney Aaron, "You said we can proceed?"

City Attorney Aaron stated, "Yes because the notice that was given out on the agenda doesn't mention the grammatical error."

Councilor Romero asked if this information was public information when they put out the agenda to the public.

City Clerk Fresquez stated it was and that it was also re-published with the correct ordinance as it stated on the agenda which was published.

City Attorney Aaron clarified that the request before the Council tonight was that this was an ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Las Vegas, Section 200-40 in Section 301-11. This ordinance is enacted pursuant to Sections 2.02 of the City Municipal Charter. He stated, in making that correction, that was what was before Council.

Councilor Romero made a motion to go back into Regular Session. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Michael Montoya	Yes
David Romero	Yes	Elaine Rodriguez	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor Montoya asked for clarification regarding the typo correction and advertising the ordinance.

City Clerk Fresquez explained that the typo had been corrected. It was a typo on the ordinance attached to the agenda, the actual agenda that was posted on the website was correct, the agenda request form was correct and the publication was correct.

Councilor Romero asked Community Development Director Hendrickson, if they were to table this item, would it be hindering any abatements at this time.

Community Development Director Hendrickson stated that he did not believe they had anything in motion right now.

City Attorney Aaron informed that it would affect items that were currently red tagged that were moving towards getting liens put on them but that it did not

affect any cases pending right now and it would certainly not affect anything regarding the residents.

Councilor Montoya asked if this item could be tabled, due to it already being tabled and asked for the City Attorney's recommendation regarding the typo correction.

City Attorney Aaron advised that what was being presented to the Council would include amending the grammatical error. He advised if Council wanted to table the item that would give them time to correct the grammatical error.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to table Business Item 1, Ordinance 21-14 until it came back corrected and published correctly.

Mayor Trujillo asked, "is it 21-14 or 21-04 and until when, the next City Council?"

Councilor Montoya stated, "I'm sorry 04, yes until the next meeting."

Mayor Trujillo clarified it would be tabled until the next regular meeting.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Romero	Yes	Michael Montoya	Yes
David Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Elaine Rodriguez	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

2. Request for approval of the Lodgers Tax recommendation to provide funding to the Citizens Committee On Historic Preservation (CCHP) to fund the marketing and advertising campaign that promotes the City of Las Vegas as a key destination for Santa Fe Trail Bicentennial visitors.

Community Development Director Bill Hendrickson advised that all the Lodgers Tax Board members were unable to participate at tonight's meeting.

Community Development Director Henderickson and Frank Beurskens, CCHP, advised that Lodger's tax funding will be in the amount of \$5,000.00. CCHP will



engage a professional travel writer to develop press releases and travel articles sent to major newspapers, journals, magazines, and guidebooks, with national and international distribution. The Santa Fe Trail Bicentennial will be a prime summer destination event, featured on numerous websites and travel magazines. This item was continued from the May 12, 2021 Council Meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the individual events that would be utilized in the amount of the \$5,000.00 approved, allowable expenses.

Councilor Romero stated for the record that he met with Mr. Beursken and Chairman Krutik, and they understood where he was coming from at our last meeting, and the whole Council would want more accountability. He stated that there were a couple of new board members and suggested that from here on out that they work on the application process, looking at the Best Practices manual and move forward with the new fundings that would need to be accounted for and to put procedures in place regarding some of the concerns from Council.

Discussion took place on the procedure of the organizations on their application requests, utilizing funds and submitting reports of accountability from organizations.

Councilor Romero requested to set in place the procedure where Council would receive a monthly report from Lodgers Tax Board in their packets.

Mayor Trujillo advised that he wanted to get rid of that \$5,000 rule; it did not make sense to have someone apply 4 times if they needed \$20,000. He stated that he wanted to place on the next business agenda, to remove that \$5,000 amount.

Lengthy discussion took place of the reasoning of the \$5,000 cap, ads that were lost due to not enough funding, changing over to digital ads, utilizing local media and Best Practice Manual requirements for advertising.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the Lodgers Tax recommendation to provide funding to the Citizens Committee on Historic Preservation (CCHP) to fund the marketing and advertising campaign that promotes the City of Las Vegas as a key destination for Santa Fe Trail Bicentennial visitors with the condition that a

report of the spending after the events are done be given to the Lodgers Tax Board. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Romero	Yes	David Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
Michael Montoya	Yes	Elaine Rodriquea	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

3. Request approval for a special allocation of Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$14,145.00 for marketing the Friday Al Fresco Event.

Film/Events Coordinator Chuck Griego advised that this event has been expanded to provide a Post-COVID celebration between May 7th and October 31st with additional emphasis over 4th of July. This item was continued from the May 12, 2021 Council Meeting.

Councilor Montoya stated this was a positive thing for our community and made a motion to approve for a special allocation of Lodger's Tax funding in the amount of \$14,145.00 for marketing the Friday Al Fresco. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion.

Councilor Romero asked Film/Events Coordinator Griego regarding radio stations with multiple stations.

Film/Events Coordinator Griego explained that the amounts would stay the same.

Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Romero	Yes	Michael Montoya	Yes
David Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Elaine Rodriquez	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

4. Request approval of contract between the City of Las Vegas and Las Vegas First Independent Business Alliance for acquiring two (2) Billboards on I-40.



Community Development Director Bill Hendrickson advised that the Lodger's Tax Board and City Council have approved the expenditure of \$16,008.60 for a one year lease contract. He asked if in the future, when they ask Council for approval on allocated monies, that Council would be able to review/approve standard contracts as well in order to avoid delays.

Lengthy discussion and questions took place regarding the scope of work on the contract, deliverables specificity and pyramid signage contracts.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve a contract between the City of Las Vegas and Las Vegas First Independent Business Alliance for acquiring two (2) Billboards on I-40 with the condition that they report back to Lodgers Tax Board. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Michael Montoya	Yes
David Romero	Yes	Elaine Rodriquez	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

5. Request to publish Ordinance No. 21-12 Amending the Code of the City of Las Vegas Section 389-6 entitled "Exemptions". This ordinance is enacted pursuant to Sections 2.02 of the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, and is an exercise of the City's home rule powers.

Community Development Director Bill Hendrickson advised that Ordinance 21-12 will remove Paragraph 389-6G, which will then allow the City to collect Lodger's Tax on all rentals under the City's Lodging Tax Ordinance, basically taxing Air room B&Bs.

Discussion took place regarding the taxing under state statute, locating, business licensing and taxing Air B&Bs and 3rd party companies.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve to publish Ordinance No. 21-12 Amending the Code of the City of Las Vegas Section 389-6 entitled "Exemptions".



Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	David Romero	Yes
Michael Montoya	Yes	Elaine Rodriquez	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

6. Request approval of a contract between the City and TJM Construction for the replacement of the roof on the Westside Farmers Market building.

Community Development Director Bill Hendrickson advised that the cost for the project is \$48,771 + \$3/sq. ft. for decking if required. Project is funded for \$48,000.00 through a capital outlay grant. The overage will be paid out of the City general fund.

Councilor Romero asked Community Development Director Hendrickson if procurement was followed in this contract and Finance Department.

Community Development Director Hendrickson stated "yes".

Brief discussion took place of how the old metal removed would be used or disposed of.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve a contract between the City and TJM Construction for the replacement of the roof on the Westside Farmers Market building. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Michael Montoya	Yes	David Romero	Yes
David Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Elaine Rodriquez	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

7. Request approval of Resolution No. 21-22, the sale of obsolete City assets at an online auction.

Finance Director Jesus Baquera advised the City desires to hold an online auction to receive competitive bids for the obsolete and surplus assets.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-22, the sale of obsolete City assets at an online auction. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion.

Resolution 21-22 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO**  
**Resolution No. 21-22**  
**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF OBSOLETE CITY**  
**ASSETS AT AN ONLINE AUCTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Las Vegas (“City”) owns and possesses certain inventoried obsolete and surplus assets; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to hold an online auction to receive competitive bids for the obsolete and surplus assets; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to hold said online auction in the spring of 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the final approval for said online auction will be submitted to the Department of Finance for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will benefit from the sale and disposal of the obsolete and surplus assets.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas, that the recitals and any exhibits are incorporated herein by reference and the Governing Body hereby approves the sale of the inventoried obsolete and surplus assets.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2021.

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Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:

Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

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Scott Aaron, City Attorney

Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Michael Montoya	Yes	David Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
David Romero	Yes	Elaine Rodriquez	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

8. Request approval of Resolution No. 21-21 to make budget adjustment for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.

Finance Director Jesus Baquera advised the City of LasVegas is in need of making a budget adjustment in the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget to include a revenue and expense increase to Fund 217 Special Legislative Appropriations in the amount of \$53,306.00, fund 282 Senior Center in the amount of \$34,500.00 and fund 613 Waste Water Construction Fund in the amount of \$550,000.00.

Mayor Trujillo asked Mr. Baquera if these had gone through the Finance Committee.

Mr. Baquera advised that they had not and were scheduled to go to them next week.

Mayor Trujillo asked why they would not go to them first.

Mr. Baquera replied that they were behind, trying to catch up with the Finance Committee.

Mayor Trujillo advised that in the future, the proper way would be to go to the Finance Committee first.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-21 to make budget adjustment for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion.

Resolution 21-21 was presented as follows:



**CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO**

**Resolution No. 21-21**

**A RESOLUTION TO MAKE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR THE 20-2021 YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of Las Vegas has developed a budget adjustment request for fiscal year 2020-21: and

**WHEREAS**, said budget was developed on the basis of increases in revenues, expenditures and transfers (in) out through cooperation with all user departments, elected officials and other department supervisors. Please see attached schedule; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Las Vegas is in need of making a budget adjustment in the 2020-21 fiscal Year to include a revenue and expense increase to Fund 217 Special Legislative Appropriations in the amount of \$53,306.00. Fund 282 Senior Center in the amount of \$34,500.00. Fund 613 Waste Water Construction Fund in the amount of \$550,000.00; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body finds that the budget adjustment request should be as it meets the requirements as currently determined for fiscal year 2020-21.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the City Council of the City of Las Vegas, that the recitals and any exhibits are incorporated herein by reference and the Governing Body hereby approves the aforementioned budget adjustment request and respectfully request approval from the Local Governing Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May 2021.

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Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:

Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

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Scott Aaron, City Attorney

Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Romero	Yes	Michael Montoya	Yes
David Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Elaine Rodriquez	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

9. Request approval to hire a full time Public Information Officer (PIO).  
City Manager William Taylor advised that at the May 12, 2021 council meeting, Council agreed that a full time PIO position is needed to effectively communicate information to the public.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve to hire a full time Public Information Officer (PIO). Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call.

Councilor Montoya asked if this position would be advertised and if there was an interview committee in place.

City Manager Taylor informed that the position would be advertised and there would be an interview committee.

Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Michael Montoya	Yes	David Romero	Yes
David Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Elaine Rodriquez	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

10. Request approval of an additional salary increase of seventy-five cents (\$0.75) to the regular hourly rate of pay for members of the Las Vegas Police Officer's Association (LVPOA) Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge No. 20.

Human Resource Director Donna Castro advised the salary increase will be effective the first full pay period after Council's approval. The fiscal impact for the remainder of FY21 will be approximately \$5,274. This amount does not include the increase for overtime calculations.

Ms. Castro stated that additionally they were requesting to increase the minimum hourly pay rate for Officers to \$18 an hour and \$13 an hour for Dispatchers who are in the unit and added that this subject was exempt from the Open Meetings

Act so if there was any discussion on it, it needed to be discussed in Executive Session.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilor Romero made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining strategy as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H)(5) and also matters subject to the attorney client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the City of Las Vegas is or may become a participant, as permitted by; Section 10-15-1 (H)(7) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA . Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Michael Montoya	Yes	David Romero	Yes
David Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Elaine Rodriquez	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor Romero made a motion to enter back into Regular Session, he advised that only matters discussed in the motion took place and no action was taken. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Michael Montoya	Yes	David Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
David Romero	Yes	Elaine Rodriquez	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor David Romero asked if non union members could be included in the increase as well.

City Manager Taylor advised Councilor Romero that they had already received the increase.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve an additional salary increase of seventy-five cents (\$.075) to the regular hourly rate of pay for members of the Las Vegas Police Officers Association (LVPOA) Fraternal Order Of Police (FOP) Lodge



No. 20. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Michael Montoya	Yes
David Romero	Yes	Elaine Rodriquez	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Human Resource Director Castro advised that it was amended to include pay increases for Officers to \$18 an hour and Dispatchers to \$13 an hour, who were in the union.

Mayor Trujillo advised that it was not on the agenda, the only increase on the agenda was \$0.75.

#### **BUDGET HEARING PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Presentation by City Manager and Finance Director on Preliminary Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

City Manager Taylor reported that this was a preliminary budget required to present to the Department of Finance Administration which reflected basically the assumption of a flat budget at this time with an increase in revenues based on what we received in a normal year. He advised they would bring and report in detail, a full-fledged complete budget in the second meeting in June.

Mayor Trujillo asked if the next budget projections would include taxes generated by internet sales.

City Manager Taylor advised that it was included in this preliminary budget, estimated at \$250,000 by the state and would have more information later on cannabis sales.

Councilor Montoya asked if the audit finding regarding the fire suppression systems was being addressed on this budget in order to get away from that finding every year. He added that he thought the City should move toward running all recreation baseball leagues and would need funding for that.

City Manager Taylor advised that the fire suppression systems were being addressed immediately in this year's budget, he believed there were two quotes with the total being \$50,000 for two fire suppression systems, regarding the baseball leagues, he stated that discussion had taken place with Recreation Department Manager Stephen Aragon and would have to be decided by Council.

Councilor Romero advised in the past they met with Directors on the budget and asked when that would take place and was concerned that checks and balances needed to take place. He hoped they would have heard from them and then Council would give priorities of other funding, if needed.

City Manager Taylor and Finance Director Baquera informed that Directors were involved in submitting flat budgets and Directors would meet with Council in June and the final budget was due July 31, 2021.

Discussion took place regarding the need for an equipment storage facility for the recreation center and the use of reserve funding in meeting those needs, funding for election and redistricting.

Councilor Romero suggested that they do meet with Department heads regarding the budget.

### **ADJOURN**

Councilor Romero made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Michael Montoya	Yes	David Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
David Romero	Yes	Elaine Rodriguez	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.



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Mayor Louie A. Trujillo



ATTEST:



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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk